

CWA is the leading voice for women across the nation embracing and promoting traditional family values.

Twenty years ago, CWA's founder and chairman, Beverly LaHaye, realized a significant number of important voices were going unheard in the massive world of public policy. A hard-working parent and active citizen, she, along with a handful of other dedicated women, recognized that merely standing against issues was inadequate. On this basis, this small group set out to promote positive change. CWA has grown from that handful of women to over half-a-million members nationwide. Now, according to CWA, those who would label themselves feminists can no longer claim to be the one and only voice for all American women.

CWA promotes values and public policies that strengthen women and promote families. The organization empowers its members to turn concern into action by working to preserve, protect, and promote biblical values through education, legislative programs and community involvement. Among other things, CWA staff and grassroots leaders have been called upon to testify before the United States Congress and various state legislatures regarding issues such as the sanctity of human life, education, pornography, religious freedom, national sovereignty and the traditional American family.

On the local level, CWA members are active in defending parental rights and involvement in education, promoting sexual abstinence among teens, and supporting crisis pregnancy centers. They also educate communities on the virtues of respecting all human life and traditional lifestyles.

In 1998, Mrs. Carmen Pate became president of CWA, where she serves as the primary media spokesman and liaison to federal and local elected officials.

Concerned Women for America's legislative department monitors federal legislation and provides a presence on Capitol Hill and internationally on behalf of concerned conservative women. CWA's field department coordinates the organization's grassroots chapters, providing leadership training, resources and issue updates. The broadcast and media department produces the syndicated daily radio talk show, "Beverly LaHaye Today," which is heard weekly by over one million listeners. CWA spokesmen are always available to local and national media to give the conservative woman's perspective on issues affecting the home and the nation. CWA's research and publications department produces a monthly magazine, *Family Voice*, and publishes an array of informative brochures, position papers and booklets.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commend Concerned Women for America for twenty outstanding years of dedicated service to the men, women and children of our great nation.

HONORING GIL GARCIA

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues an extraor-

dinary man and friend who celebrated his 60th birthday on March 31, Gil Garcia.

Gil has spent his entire life working on and serving the Central Coast of California. His formative years were spent in the Goleta Valley, where he attended elementary and junior high schools; he then went on to graduate from Santa Barbara Catholic High School. After serving four years in the United States Air Force in Oxnard, Gil worked for Arendt, Moser and Grant Architects for fourteen years, where he received his license to practice architecture. In 1976, he founded Garcia Architects, Inc., an architectural firm that continues to thrive today. Garcia Architects has received numerous awards throughout the years, including recognition from the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

In addition to Gil's significant architectural contributions to the City of Santa Barbara and the State of California, Gil has been and will continue to be an effective, innovative and caring councilman and community leader. His work has earned him the Life Time Achievement Award from the Santa Barbara News-Press, Man of the Year Award, and Volunteer of the Year from the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce. He has also been recognized by the Santa Barbara Hispanic Achievement Council.

Mr. Speaker, Gil Garcia's dedication to the people he represents is exemplary and I believe in his vision for our community. I congratulate Gil on his 60th birthday, and I commend him for years of service to the city of Santa Barbara and to our nation.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES

HON. MARTIN OLAV SABO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, as Women's History Month draws to a close today, I rise to salute a woman from my Congressional District in Minnesota who has dedicated most of her life to encouraging all citizens to exercise their right to vote and play an active role in government.

Upon moving to Minneapolis from New York City, Florence Gray joined the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Minneapolis in 1948 to get more involved in her new community. The LWV of Minneapolis is a non-partisan organization which works to influence public policy through education and advocacy, providing election-related services, and sponsoring various educational forums and projects. In 1948, Gray helped create a new unit of the LWV along with a group of friends—many of them other young mothers like herself—and served as its chairperson. As the years passed, her leadership positions accumulated. During the 1960s, she was elected to the Minneapolis LWV Board as Treasurer, then became Vice President, then led the group as President from 1963 to 1965. She also served as the Minnesota vice president of the LWV.

After years of public service in the League of Women Voters, Gray went back to college in 1968 to complete her bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees at the University of Minnesota. In 1974, she was appointed Associate Director of the Epilepsy Research Center of the University of Minnesota's Neurology Department. After 17 years with the Center, she "retired," though she continued to serve as a part-time consultant for the Epilepsy Program. During this time, she rededicated herself to the LWV, heading the LWV of Minneapolis' 75th Anniversary Planning Committee. In 1994, she was presented with the LWV's esteemed Bess Mlnarik Award for her years of tireless efforts serving on the LWV.

One of Florence Gray's fellow LWV members once described her as "hard working, dedicated, tenacious, resilient, witty, wise, and wonderful. She has long since earned whatever honors we can give her." It is indeed fitting to salute Florence Gray for her lifetime of community service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor Florence Gray in celebration of Women's History Month. I thank her for her contributions to both the state of Minnesota and to our country, and I wish her continued successes in the future.

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE CHIANG

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues to mourn the loss of Immigration and Naturalization Service attorney Joyce Chiang.

Ms. Chiang was a bright young woman who was of uncompromising service to my staff on issues concerning immigration law. My staff spoke highly of Ms. Chiang, who was a knowledgeable representative of the agency, who confidently and concisely explained the intricacies of the 1996 immigration law. My district office was fortunate to benefit Ms. Chiang's expertise on implementation of the new law, as she fulfilled her trial-attorney training in the San Francisco INS office.

I am saddened by the questions concerning her death as we mourn the loss of this bright young woman and fine public servant.

RAIDERS TAKE CURTIN CALL

HON. BRUCE F. VENTO

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. VENTO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the RECORD this article from the February 21, 1999 edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press which recounts the exciting victory of Roseville High School's girls hockey team. Impressively, this is Roseville's second state championship title in four years. Amazingly enough, they have only had a women's hockey program for four years. This is yet another example of the young people in the Fourth District of Minnesota accomplishing many special goals.

The coach of this mighty team, Rich Kuehne, will be departing now that the season is over. After 33 years of coaching hockey, including four years with Roseville's girls hockey

team, Mr. Kuehne is retiring. Additionally, their star player, Ms. Ronda Curtin will be graduating and attending the University of Minnesota where she will continue her hockey career as a member of the Gopher's team. I wish both of them continued success in their endeavors and congratulate them on an outstanding season.

The Roseville girls hockey team has demonstrated, once again with an undefeated season, that hard work and dedication always lead to success. I wish them luck in future seasons and congratulate them on their superior performance.

[From the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Feb. 21, 1999]

RAIDERS TAKE CURTIN CALL (Tim Leighton)

Years from now, Ronda Curtin will be remembered as one of the pioneers of girls hockey in Minnesota.

Saturday night, Roseville's star left a more immediate but very lasting impression that typified her dominance of the sport the past four years.

The senior center and all-time leading scorer in state history scored four goals and assisted on one to power the top-ranked Raiders to an 8-2 victory over Bloomington Jefferson in the championship game of the state girls hockey tournament at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The state championship is Roseville's second in just four years of sponsoring girls hockey. It also is the second time in four years the Raiders (27-0-1) finished a season undefeated. They were undefeated when they won the state title in 1996.

Jefferson (22-4-1) was making its second state tournament appearance and first in a championship game.

"Ronda Curtin has been an ambassador for girls hockey the past four years," Jefferson coach Dave Irvin said. "There is no question she should be the Ms. Hockey award winner. 'We're glad she's leaving; she can take her sister with her.'"

Curtin will play for the University of Minnesota next season. But her sister, Renee, will remain a potent scorer for the Raiders for two more seasons. And Ronda, who could be named the recipient of the Ms. Hockey award today, will leave with her name all over the Roseville record book.

"It was a wonderful way to end my career," Ronda Curtin said. "I'm really fortunate. I was able to come in with a bang by winning a state title in our first year, and now I'm going out with a bang. I don't know how anyone can top that. Playing girls hockey in Minnesota has provided me with lots of memories."

Curtin's four goals gave her seven for the tournament and 249 for her career. She finished her career with a state-best (boy or girl) 456 points.

Her pure hat trick in the second period blew open a close game and gave the Raiders a commanding 6-2 lead.

"Oh, those goals were fun to watch, weren't they?" Roseville coach Rich Kuehne said.

Curtin showed the flair and intelligence that became indelible to Roseville's opponents.

She started her second-period spree with a power-play goal at 6:41. She streaked down the left side, sped around a defender and stuffed a shot past Jefferson goalie Dana Hergert.

"Her reach is incredible," Irvin said. "We think she can stand at center ice and touch

the sideboards. That is just one of the reasons why she is so tough to defend."

Less than two minutes later, while Roseville was trying to kill a Jefferson power play, Curtin zipped around defender Chrissie Norwich and had a breakaway.

Just when it appeared Curtin would ram into Hergert, she ripped a hard shot that hit the crossbar and bounced down into the net, giving the Raiders a 4-1 lead.

"We really came ready to play," said Renee Curtin, who assisted on two of her sister's goals. "We were very focused and didn't let up."

Well, they did momentarily because Jefferson answered 34 seconds later. Bethany Petersen trimmed Roseville's lead to 4-2 with a wicked wrist shot from just inside the blue line.

Ronda Curtin restored the Raiders' three-goal advantage with a blast from the right circle that sailed past Hergert.

"We really came ready to play," she said.

Erika Mortenson gave Roseville a 6-2 lead with her second goal of the game with 27 seconds remaining in the second period.

Three goals were scored in just more than a minute midway through the first period. Roseville scored two of them, 31 seconds apart.

Lindsay O'Keefe gave the Raiders the lead after firing a wrist shot from the slot. Seconds earlier, Mortenson scored her first goal of the tournament, to go with four assists, on a tap-in from in close.

Jefferson opened the scoring on a goal by Emily Naslund at 6:34 after bottling up the Raiders in their zone. For about a minute, Roseville was unable to clear the puck out of its end.

The Raiders ultimately paid the price when Naslund, in heavy traffic in front of the goal, slid a short shot under the pads of Roseville goalie Jodi Winters.

"I was a little concerned in the early going," Kuehne said. "Jefferson came out hard, and we looked a little tentative. I started to relax and enjoy things a little more when we perked up."

Saturday's game ended Kuehne's 33-year hockey coaching career. He plans to retire to his cabin on Leech Lake. He compiled a 103-4-3 record in four years as Roseville's first girls hockey coach.

"That's the kids' record, though, not mine," he said. "They've given me many wonderful memories."

TRIBUTE TO TOM TROXEL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Troxel, the Director of the Intermountain Forest Industry Association. Mr. Troxel has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the timber industry and to the health and well-being of forests across the nation. His tireless efforts on issues related to forestry, forest health and timber practices have gone far to promote sound practices, to level the playing field with the federal government and to better our environment. Mr. Troxel's high regard for our forested lands and the people that rely on them resonates with dedication and enthusiasm. Mr. Speaker, I commend Tom Troxel for all his efforts, and I look forward to working with him in the future.

SAN LUIS OBISPO HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday, April 11, a moving and important event took place in San Luis Obispo, California, which I am proud to represent.

Many of my constituents gathered at Cal Poly Theater to commemorate the 12th annual San Luis Obispo Community Holocaust Remembrance. At this yearly event, the community joins together to remember who died in the Holocaust, pay tribute to those who survived, and seek to apply the lessons of the past to the reality of the present.

More than half a century after World War II, it is still difficult to comprehend the depth of depravity which engulfed Europe. The systematic extermination of six million Jews and millions of other innocent people—simply because of who they were—stands as the most horrific example of man's inhumanity to man. Now, as fewer and fewer survivors remain to tell their stories, it is even more incumbent upon us to recall the horrors of the Nazi era and teach them to future generations.

Two distinguished speakers were scheduled to address this year's gathering. Klara Bergman was born in Poland and spent the war running and hiding from the Nazis. She is a highly successful businesswoman and a regular on the media.

Ted Johnson, a San Luis Obispo County native, has served in the Peace Corps and the State Department and is an expert on central Europe.

The choice of these two speakers is particularly appropriate this year, as our TV screens are filled with the anguish of Kosovar refugees and our hearts are with the brave American servicemen and women who are leading the NATO attacks on Slobodan Milosovic. As we remember the Holocaust, we must all recommit ourselves to the fight against modern-day genocide and oppression. We must ensure that the phrase "Never Again" is not simply an empty slogan.

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Alice W. Rainville, a wife and mother of seven, was the first woman to serve on Minneapolis' Metropolitan Transit Commission. She was appointed to the post by Minnesota Governor Wendell Anderson in 1974—a rare achievement for a woman at that time in our country's history. Also in that year, Rainville